

to execute and perform all the duties of such Commissioner, under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Minnesota, which oath with a description or impression of his seal of office shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of this State.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

GEORGE BRADLEY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WILLIAM HOLCOMBE,
President of the Senate.

APPROVED—July twenty-two, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

HENRY H. SIBLEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
July 22, 1858. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

FRANCIS BAASEN, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER XXXI.

An Act for the Protection of Religious Meetings.

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 4. Penalty for offending.
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 7. Breakers of this Act may be tried before District Courts, the parties offending to be held in recognizance.
 8. Forfeiture of recognizance.—Procedure.
 9. Complaints may be made upon view or knowledge of violation of this Act before any Justice.
 10. Fines and penalties to be for the benefit of the School Fund of the County.
 11. Prosecutions to be commenced within sixty days.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. No person shall on the first day of the week, commonly called the Lord's Day, within the walls of any house of public worship or near the same, behave rudely or indecently, whether in the time of public service, or between the forenoon or afternoon services, or if any person or per-

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sons shall disturb any religious meeting by speaking in the same, or in any other manner conduct himself or themselves, so as to prevent the stated and orderly proceedings and exercises of such meeting, or shall make such disturbance while the people are assembling at or leaving their place of worship, and shall not desist therefrom when requested, he may be removed from such meeting or place of worship by any individual.

Penalties for offending

SEC. 2. Any person offending against any provision of the foregoing section of this Act, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars, nor less than two dollars, which shall be recovered by complaint of any person before any Justice of the Peace of the town, or adjoining town to that in which the offence was committed.

Prohibits sale of liquors or goods within two miles of camp meetings

SEC. 3. No person shall keep any shop, tent, booth, wagon, carriage for the sale of, or shall sell, give, or expose to sale, any spirituous or intoxicating liquors, goods or merchandize of any kind, within two miles of any public assembly, camp, or grove meeting, convened for the purpose of religious worship; but this shall not be construed to prevent any person from selling merchandize at the shop or store where he usually transacts business, nor from selling liquors in any place where he shall have received a license therefor before the appointment of such religious meeting; nor to prevent any pedlar from selling his goods to any person at the usual place of business or residence of such person.

Penalty for offending

SEC. 4. If any person shall be guilty of a breach of the preceding section, upon conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace, he shall be fined not exceeding thirty dollars, or imprisoned in the county jail for any term not exceeding thirty days, or may be sentenced to both said punishments.

Prohibits horse-racing gambling &c—penalty

SEC. 5. If any person shall be guilty of noisy rude, or indecent behavior, of exhibiting shows or plays, or promoting or engaging in horse-racing or gambling, at or near any such religious meeting, so as to interrupt or disturb the same, or shall at any religious meeting of the citizens of this State, maliciously cut or otherwise injure or destroy any harness, or tents, or other property, belonging to any tent-holder, or other person, upon conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace, he shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars, or if the offence be of an aggravated nature, he may be held to recognize with sufficient sureties, to appear at the District Court next to be holden in the same county, and upon conviction before such Court, he shall be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, or imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Parents and guardians liable for offences of children

SEC. 6. Parents and guardians shall be respectively liable for all forfeitures incurred by children and wards under their care.

SEC. 7. If any person shall be guilty of a breach of the

preceding sections of this Act, he may be required to recognize with sureties in a sum not less than one hundred dollars, to appear at the District Court next to be holden in the same county, and to abide the order of said Court, and in the mean time to be of good behavior. Trial by district court

SEC. 8. If such recognizance is forfeited, said Court may require such offender to recognize with sufficient sureties, in a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, to appear at the next term of said Court and to abide the order thereof, and in the meantime to be of good behavior, and so from term to term as may be ordered by said Court, as long as such forfeiture may be incurred. Forfeiture of recognizance—procedure

SEC. 9. Any person may, upon view or knowledge of any offence described in this Act, go before some Justice of the Peace of the town or adjoining town to that in which the offence was committed, who shall upon complaint under oath issue his warrant, cause such offender to be arrested and proceed to a hearing of such complaint. Complaints how made

SEC. 10. All fines and forfeitures that may be collected under this Act, shall be paid by the Justice of the Peace or Court collecting the same, into the county treasury to the credit of the common school fund of the county within ninety days after collecting the same. Fines and penalties to go to school fund

SEC. 11. No prosecution for any violation of the provisions of this Act shall be sustained unless commenced within sixty days after the commission of such offence. Prosecutions to be commenced within 60 days

SEC. 12. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

GEORGE BRADLEY,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM HOLCOMBE,

President of the Senate.

APPROVED—July the twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

HENRY H. SIBLEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
July 27, 1858. }

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FRANCIS BAASEN, Secretary of State.